



TRANSITION TOWN
HERVEY BAY

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"The Cottage", 16 Peter's Lane, Pialba, Qld, 4655

MAY 2010

The Jerry Coleby-Williams visit was a fantastic success. Everyone enjoyed the talk that he gave, as well as the raffle that the Transition Town Gardeners ran.

There were some very happy faces walking away from this event.

The Hervey Bay Seed Savers Bank had a seed swap which was hugely popular.

Jerry was very generous with some seed donations to the bank and has asked that these seeds be passed on to those gardeners who are very keen to save the seeds from future crops.

This ensures the plants survival genetically and also ensures that our food supply has a diverse genetic range.

If you are interested in any of these seeds, the full list is available at <http://sites.google.com/site/frasercoastsubtropicalfruits/home/hervey-bay-seedsavers-network>

The list is in excel format and the last column will let you know if they've come from Jerry.

Some of these donated seeds include, "Mannings Pride" corn, Mizuna, "Osaka Purple" mustard, "Dwarf Skinless" and "Delta Matilda" snowpeas.

It is now snow pea planting time, so please let me know if you're keen on growing on these varieties. They have been grown and saved by Jerry in Brisbane at his "Bellis" home so are acclimatised to Queensland conditions.

I will have the full seed bank at "The Cottage" on the dates overleaf, alternatively, please contact me (details below) and we can make arrangements for you to collect these seeds.

I am happy to give any information necessary to help with seed saving. It's not hard in the majority of cases and is such an important role in living self-sustainably. I am also looking for donations of small moisture absorbing packets from tablet bottles and packets. These help to keep the seeds dry.

Anything is appreciated.

Jerry also donated some great food plants with some fantastic histories. These are being cared for until we have a permanent planting site for them. They will then be sign-posted so that everyone can enjoy them and their background.

Thanks to everyone involved, for a very successful and fun day.

Go to www.transitionfrasercoast.org.au for more information on Transition Town, the newsletters and other wonderful updates.



Some of the wonderful volunteers who helped out on the 27th March, with Jerry.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work. We all had fun.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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WHAT'S ON IN MAY AT "THE COTTAGE"

Transition Town gardeners get together on the 1st and 3rd Thursday and 3rd and 5th Saturday of May from 9 am until 12 pm until further notice. The full seed bank will be available on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you are not a member, filling out a form with your details and \$5 is all we ask to cover membership, then you can join in all the fun.

THURSDAY, 6TH MAY—This morning is a casual get together of fellow minded gardeners, giving us the opportunity to swap ideas, learn from others and catch up with what's happening in the garden. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share and some great conversation. If you want to give your muscles a workout, please bring the boots and a shovel for the compost. The compost needs you!!

SATURDAY, 15TH MAY - This morning has been put aside for some garden maintenance, social networking with fellow gardeners and a generally fun time. As above, please bring your boots, shovel and muscles if you would like to have a workout with the compost. Please bring some morning tea to share.

THURSDAY, 20TH MAY - Potting on your seedlings with Jennifer. This workshop will show you how to prick out those seedlings that have grown together in the punnet or pot, and give them a home of their own in a bigger pot, without killing them in the process. If you have a pot or punnet of seedlings that you would like to work with, please bring it along with some pots and if possible, some potting mix, and we'll do it together.

SATURDAY, 29th MAY - COMPANION AND GUILD PLANTING with Alison. Some gardens seem to thrive where others struggle. Often those successful gardens contain groups of different kinds of plants which are working together for their common benefit. This is called guild planting. If you want to know more about the principles behind guild and companion planting, this workshop is for you. Alison will cover some of the reasons why guild and companion planting work and the principles of guild design.



Jerry praises the Transition Town range of reading material available at the library. He will be encouraging the Brisbane libraries to follow suit.



Christine was lucky enough to enjoy a private consultation with Jerry.



Left - Christine and Linda show the art of making your own liquid fertilizer and tonics for the garden. They showed an array of ingredients and methods for making what can be referred to as "liquid gold". The talk was very informative and there were information sheets as well. There may still be some left if anyone is interested.

Why spend so much money on fertilizers when the nutrients the plants need are right at our fingertips. An example was the green plant manure. What a great way to deal with those weeds! Put back the nutrients that they took from the ground. And usually these weeds are sent by nature to balance deficiencies so they are perfect for turning into liquid teas.

RUTH'S GARDEN MAKEOVER

Working bee #1

WHEN: Thursday 13th May 8.30 am –10.30 am (2 hours)

WHERE: 75 Denman Camp Road, Scarness, Phone 4128 4490

All volunteers need to be aware that this is **NOT** a Transition Town Gardener's event, and members will not be covered by the Neighbourhood Centre insurance.

You will need to wear sturdy footwear, bring spades, garden forks, gloves, trowels and any veggies that you may like to plant into Ruth's garden. It might pay to call Ruth first to check what she already has and would like or need.

The first working bee was a great success and extremely productive in that short space of time. Come along and join in a fantastic group working together as a community to create a fantastic edible garden.

Tasks for the working bee will include collecting cow manure from Booral with other volunteers, so bring a wheelbarrow or buckets if you love getting into this magic stuff. Meanwhile back at the ranch, other volunteers will be re-aligning timber edges and laying newspapers over the lawn.

The manure will then be spread, a no-dig bed will be created and plantings into existing beds will also be done.

Many hands make light work!!



CRASH COURSE IN SUSTAINABILITY

Where: Hervey Bay Library, Old Maryborough Road

When: May 27th, 10AM

Why: A free information session provided by Transition Town Hervey Bay that will change your life!!

For more information on this session, contact Maggie on Mb: 0434 144 394

SUMMARY OF THE BBQ, 25TH APRIL, 2010

Thanks to everyone who came along to join in the BBQ at "The Cottage". Alex from "Hearty Foods" gave a fantastic demonstration on making pesto using locally produced herbs and other ingredients. It was gorgeous weather and there were so many contributions of beautifully made salads to share on the table. No two dishes were alike. Alex was very impressed with our culinary skills.

If you haven't made your way to the cottage, please drop in on any of the dates given on page two, and meet some wonderful like minded people and join in the fun.

TRANSITION TOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN BUS TOUR

Transition Town Gardeners are pleased and excited to offer a bus trip to the African Community Garden recently featured on Costa's Garden Odyssey; and to the Northey Street City Farm.

Saturday 5 June 2010

Cost \$50 per person

Leave Centro at 6am return 7pm

Bookings essential—these can be made at the Cottage garden on TTG activity days

As an added bonus, for World Environment Day, there will be an ecofest in full swing at the same campus on this day.

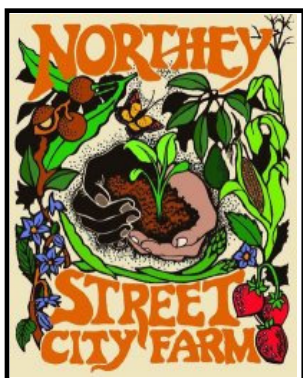
This will be a fantastic day out with plenty to learn about sustainable food gardening. Please note that the \$50 fee only covers transport and Northey Street tour guide costs, no meals are included in the price. This price is dependent on a minimum of 45 passengers, should we not reach that level of interest the trip will be cancelled. There is also the option of also visiting the Yandina community garden if we want to make it a full on day.

You can view Costa at the African garden here:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/shows/costa/tab-listings/detail/i/article/6087/Costa-in-the-Community-African-Community-Garden>



Alex, the chef from "Hearty Foods", demonstrates the simplicity of making a healthy pesto to go with sun dried tomatoes & bread. All produce was sourced locally. Details page three.



The Yandina Gardens can be viewed at <http://yandinacommunitygardens.com.au/>
And information on the Northey Street Farm can be viewed at www.youtube.com.au/watch?v=433XH3dFmLk

PLEASE NOTE

The Transition Town meeting for April will be held at the 2nd Kitchen, 350 the Esplanade, Hervey Bay.

Time: 6.30PM until 8PM on Thursday night, 29th April.

These meetings are held on the last Thursday evening of each month and involve discussions on all Transition Town activities in Hervey Bay.

Call Maggie if you would like more information, otherwise come along and join a fantastic group of people, trying hard to raise awareness on sustainability and to help establish a sound, green economy in Hervey Bay.

